

## House Resolution No. 1795

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives pause to recognize Old Bonhomme Elementary School in St. Louis, Missouri, which played host to Passport Night on February 25, 2005; and

**Whereas**, Passport Night provided an evening of cultural diversity in school hallways, which featured more than twenty booths, each representing a different culture or country of an Old Bonhomme student's family; and

**Whereas**, families participating in the inaugural event began their tour by going through a "customs" station where they were issued a passport and bags, following which they moved from booth to booth in order to get their passports stamped, learn about the respective cultures, participate in activities, and sample foods associated with that particular country; and

**Whereas**, aside from the many booths from various countries, the event also included a USO booth, at which students could write letters to servicemen and servicewomen overseas, and a booth hosted by an International Institute, a nonprofit social services agency that works with immigrant families in St. Louis; and

**Whereas**, the Parent Teacher Association-sponsored event is the brainchild of Donna Coble of Olivette, who got the idea for Passport Night from a friend who had started one at a University City elementary school; and

**Whereas**, Passport Night is a celebration of cultures which continues to reinforce academically what children are doing:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations to all those dedicated individuals involved in Passport Night at Old Bonhomme Elementary School at this proud moment of well-deserved distinction; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Old Bonhomme Elementary School in St. Louis, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Barbara Wall Fraser  
District No. 83

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 1795, adopted April 5, 2005.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker